EMERGENCY MESSAGE TO US CITIZENS August 1, 2012

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

CHANCERY CLOSURE

The U.S. Embassy will be closed today, August 1, 2012, due to flooding along Roxas Boulevard. Consular services have been suspended in order to keep the public and our employees safe and dry. The Chancery Compound is also closed, although some Embassy offices will operate from the Seafront Compound. For individuals with scheduled visa interviews or American Citizen Services appointments, the Consular Section will be in touch to reschedule those interviews in the coming few days. For emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizen Services Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section through the after-hours emergency telephone (02) 301-2000.

Please continue to monitor the Embassy's website http://manila.usembassy.gov/ for updated information. Please consult the Country Specific Information for Philippines, available on the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. All U.S. citizens in the Philippines are urged to enroll online at the Smart Traveler Enrolment Program (STEP). Registering gives U.S. citizens access to updated information on travel and security within the Philippines and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency.

If the Embassy public phone number, 301-2000, is not operational, U.S. citizens who require emergency assistance may contact the American Citizen Services section through http://www.facebook.com/pages/Manila-Philippines/US-Embassy-ManilaPhilippines/157551009622 or through acsinfomanila@state.gov or by calling the United States at the following numbers: 202-501-4444 (if calling from outside the United States or Canada) or 1-888-407-4747 (if calling from within the United States or Canada).

U.S. Embassy Manila, Philippines